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Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing today regarding AT&T's proposal to merge with T-Mobile USA, which is under review in the Commission's 11-65 docket. As President of the Florida Alliance for Retired Americans, I consider the subject of this merger an issue that affects retired Floridians' daily lives.

Among the sentiments consistently voiced by the senior citizens who comprise our organization is the desire to stay self-sufficient. By expanding broadband access and wireless service to our members, the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA can help them keep that desire a reality.

From a consumer perspective, expanded broadband access will help more seniors find information about local businesses, especially those that offer discounts or sales events specifically for seniors, as well as reviews on local service providers, such as those whom seniors may be considering inviting into their homes for repairs or contract work. The latter scenario helps to ensure seniors' safety as well.

Improved service can also help these retirees find local opportunities for volunteer work and civic service. Additionally, seniors receiving medical treatment can utilize mobile access to receive email reminders about medical appointments and to research information online about seniors' health and well-being issues.

Simply put, broadband access keeps self-sufficiency firmly in the hands of Florida's retired seniors. Please help us keep it that way by approving AT&T and T-Mobile USA's merger.

Sincerely yours, Tony Franse

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